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Serial No.: 10/655,357 : Atty Docket No.: ROTAGR/P002A1  
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Filed: September 4, 2003 :  
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Title: VISUAL POSITION INDICATOR :  
FOR VALVES WITH LINEAR :  
MOVING VALVE STEMS :  
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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned :

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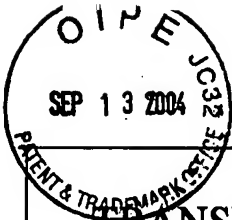
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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